

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
MAY 6, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Jason Michael, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman Mark McCoy had attended an awards banquet at the Booneville Schools. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Blythe and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Jeff Williams.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Jason Michael.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 and April 22, 2014 Board meetings;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To approve opening a bank account for the Gas System Jurisdictional Area;
- (4) To approve Larry Duncan attending the 2014 D. A. R. E. Training Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi, from July 20-24, 2014. The approximate costs including registration, lodging, meals, and gas card would be \$734.40;
- (5) To refund Longland Investments, \$9.68 for taxes on PPIN 1123;
- (6) To approve paying \$275.00 for the registration for the Miss Hospitality Pageant;
- (7) To approve paying \$30.00 for the Mississippi Hospitality Luncheon;
- (8) To approve Jana Lindsey to receiving .50¢ per hour raise, since completion of her City Clerk Certification;
- (9) To approve Charles Sanders attending the Asbestos Training in Starkville, Mississippi from June 9-June 11, 2014. The costs would include registration, lodging, meals, and fuel card in the amount of \$916.00;
- (10) To approve the following volunteers for the animal shelter; Christen Miller, April Hickerson, and Debbie Ricks.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to table the landlord license issue. Said motion was made Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Mayor Blythe requesting that the Aldermen approve the Tax Incentive Package that he had handed out previously. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, David Moore discussing the South Lake Street Project. David Moore reported that for \$1,500.00 more than had been the budgeted, the entire street could be overlaid. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman McCoy entered the meeting at this point.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase a bush hog for the Gas & Water Department. Two (2) bids had been received. Scruggs bid \$3,727.80 and Murphy Bros. bid \$3,773.00. Because Murphy Bros. was the local person and his product was a little better, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the bid of Murphy Bros., seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the Gas Extension Installation Plan with Kevin Eubank installing 2inch pipe roughly eighteen (18) miles at the costs of \$234,520.00. Eubank Construction Co. was the lowest bidder and the second bid was received from Paul Smithey, which was \$277,332.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the bid of Eubank Construction Co., seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase a video security system for the Gas & Water Department. Two (2) bids had been received. The Phone Booth had bid \$7,159.00 and Advanced Telephone had bid \$5,960.16. Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the Advanced Telephone bid, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the charge offs at the Gas & Water Department. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the request was made by David Moore for the Board to proceed with AMR Project

Plan. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the quote for painting the outside of the Gas & Water Department building by Jerry Pike in the amount of \$800.00. The City was to provide the paint. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace requesting he be allowed to hire one full time fireman at the rate of \$9.16 per hour. That fireman was George Goss, who was a certified fireman, and the start date would be after Mr. Goss had worked out his two (2) week notice, with the Corinth Fire Department. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Fire Chief Wallace for him to attend the Summer Chief's Conference in Gulfport, Mississippi with the costs to include registration, lodging, and meals in the amount of \$406.00, plus the gas card. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to obtain quotes for the washer/dryer at the out stations, and one commercial washer. Alderman Michael made said motion to obtain those quotes, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Williams announced that the college may have a commercial washer/dryer that they may donate to the City. Mayor Blythe was going to check on this matter.

Next, Gary Walker announced that he would give \$175.00 from Waters Village, for the Fire Department to purchase a washer for \$175.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion to accept said donation, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Ashleigh Hines, as a part-time dispatcher, at the rate of \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to table the matter of posting/hiring for the secretary/records clerk for the Police Department. This position had not been budgeted for.

Alderman Michael made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for Regina Taylor to be allowed to keep the Community Center open until 12:00 a.m., for a celebration of girls basketball team at Sunflower Park. Alderman Williams made a motion to allow this, as long as they had supervision, and that the Community Center would be cleaned up. Alderman Michael seconded said motion, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for Bluegrass to pay \$25.00 to use the Hardware and to book all events throughout the year. Alderman Michael made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to waive the cost of the rental of the Hardware building on June 7, 2014, for a fundraiser to be held for Crossroads Full Gospel Church. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase an ad for the Northeast Mississippi Community Center Campus Guide. This ad would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve purchasing the 1/6 page ad in the amount \$125.00. Alderman Eaton seconded said motion, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase a commercial ad for Booneville High School ball games at the rate of \$900.00. This would be the ESPN Broadcast. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the purchase of the graduation ad for the Booneville School District. This ad would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve purchasing the same size ad we purchased last year. Said motion was seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the Board Report. An update on the Big V Four Way Stop, welcome sign was given. The Mayor and others would have to meet with the Mississippi Department of Transportation, to discuss whether or not it could be put at the current location.

Next, Alderman Michael discussed the removal of the basketball goals at the Westside Community Center. He thought other actions should be taken, including having future offenders arrested and prosecuted if they violate the public profanity law.

There next came on for consideration, Jack Griffin requesting that the Board approve a resolution, and that he allowed to submit said resolution, for a grant, and that the City commit to a certain dollar match. Mayor Blythe requested that this matter be placed on a work session, or a special called meeting to discuss this.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the purchase of the telephone system for City Hall and the Fire Department. Two (2) quotes were received. One from the Phone Booth in the amount of \$5,202.50 and the other from the Advanced Telephone in the amount of \$2,865.49. Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the telephone system quote from the Advanced Telephone, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Michael made a motion to go into an executive session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Williams made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter had been discussed with no action taken.

There being no further business, Alderman Bolen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

  
DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK